

## REMARKS

The allowance of claims 1- 13 is noted.

The Examiner had rejected claims 14-13, 18-20 and 25-32 on the basis of the teachings of the Barrows U.S. Patent No. 1,066,456 and indicated that claims 17 and 21-24 contained allowable subject matter.

In view of the indication of allowable subject matter in claim 17, applicant has amended claims 14 and 26 to include the subject matter of claim 17.

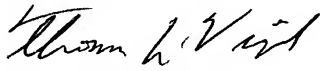
Further, applicant has amended claim 21 into independent form.

Still further, applicant has amended claims 30 and 30 to render them more clear.

Applicant submits that the all the claims remaining in the application are now in condition for allowance. An early and favorable action to that end is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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